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In re the Application of

Naoki NAKAMURA

Group Art Unit:2856

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For: SUBMERGED SAMPLE OBSERVATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed July 9, 2003, Applicant elects
Species I, claims 1-5 and 11-15. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for
allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 and 11-15 are earnestly
solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this
application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
at the telephone number set forth below.

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